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REP. MINER, 66th Dist.

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GROUP HOME DISTRIBUTION."

- After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 8-3e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):
- (a) No zoning regulation shall treat the following in a manner different from any single family residence: (1) Any community residence that houses six or fewer persons with intellectual disability and necessary staff persons and that is licensed under the provisions of
- 9 section 17a-227, (2) any child-care residential facility that houses six or
- 10 fewer children with mental or physical disabilities and necessary staff
- 11 persons and that is licensed under sections 17a-145 to 17a-151,
- 12 inclusive, [(3) any community residence that houses six or fewer
- 13 persons receiving mental health or addiction services and necessary
- staff persons paid for or provided by the Department of Mental Health

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15 and Addiction Services and that has been issued a license by the 16 Department of Public Health under the provisions of section 19a-491, if 17 a license is required, or (4)] or (3) any hospice facility, including a 18 hospice residence, that provides inpatient hospice care and services to 19 six or fewer persons and is licensed to provide such services by the 20 Department of Public Health, provided such facility is (A) managed by 21 an organization that is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the 22 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding 23 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time 24 amended; (B) located in a city with a population of more than one 25 hundred thousand and within a zone that allows development on one 26 or more acres; and (C) served by public sewer and water.

(b) Any resident of a municipality in which such a community residence or child-care residential facility or any community residence that houses six or fewer persons receiving mental health or addiction services and necessary staff persons paid for or provided by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and that has been issued a license by the Department of Public Health under the provisions of section 19a-491, if a license is required, is located may, with the approval of the legislative body of such municipality, petition (1) the Commissioner of Developmental Services to revoke the license of such community residence on the grounds that such community residence is not in compliance with the provisions of any statute or regulation concerning the operation of such residences, (2) the Commissioner of Children and Families to revoke the license of such child-care residential facility on the grounds that such child-care residential facility is not in compliance with the provision of any general statute or regulation concerning the operation of such childcare residential facility, or (3) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to withdraw funding from such community residence on the grounds that such community residence is not in compliance with the provisions of any general statute or regulation adopted thereunder concerning the operation of a community residence.

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Sec. 502. Section 8-3f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

51 No community residence or child-care residential facility 52 established pursuant to section 8-3e, as amended by this act, or any 53 community residence that houses six or fewer persons receiving 54 mental health or addiction services and necessary staff persons paid 55 for or provided by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction 56 Services and that has been issued a license by the Department of Public 57 Health under the provisions of section 19a-491 if a license is required, 58 shall be established within one thousand feet of any other such 59 community residence or child-care residential facility without the 60 approval of the body exercising zoning powers within the municipality in which such residence or facility is proposed to be 61 62 established."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2015	8-3e
Sec. 502	October 1, 2015	8-3f